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SUBJECT: WHEELER-POPOVA MARRIAGE CASE

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1. MRS. SUSAN WHEELER AKA MRS. SUSAN POPOVA
CAME TO THE EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 8 AND 9 TO
SEEK ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SOVIET PERMISSION
TO LIVE WITH HER SOVIET CITIZEN HUSBAND,
SYVATOSLAV POPOV, IN UFA.
2. MRS. WHEELER INFORMED CONSOFF THAT MFA
CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION, ALL-UNION OVIR AND
INTOURIST HAD REFUSED TO HELP HER. WHEN SHE
SOUGHT AN EXTENSION OF HER VISA TO REMAIN IN
MOSCOW UNTIL SEPTEMBER 14, INTOURIST REFUSED
TO CONSIDER HER REQUEST. (EMBASSY HAD WRITTEN
LETTER TO PROTOCOL DIVISION OF INTOURIST REQUEST-
ING THAT HER VISA BE EXTENDED.)
3. COMMENT: POPOV IS AN INSTRUCTOR OF THE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT THE MILITARY AVIATION

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ACADEMY AT UFA, WHICH IS PROBABLY THE REASON
THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE REFUSED TO HONOR HER
REQUEST. MRS. POPOVA HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN INFORMED
BY INTOURIST AND OVIR THAT THE OFFICIAL REASON
IS THAT THERE ARE NO INTOURIST FACILITIES
IN UFA. END COMMENT.

4. MRS. WHEELER WILL APPROACH EUR/SOV FOR
FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN RETURNING TO THE SOVIET
UNION, OR HELP IN OBTAINING NIV PRIVATE VISITOR
VISA FOR HER HUSBAND. GARRISON

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